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citizens. This is an outstanding group: Pam Bataillon; Aaron Black; Dr. Stacie Bleicher; Elnora Carr; Connie Day, former colleague; George Dillard; Charles Evans; Cyd Janssen; Dr. Rudi Mitchell; Kathy Bigsby Moore; Ella Ochoa; Judge Gerry Rouse; Brad Sher; and Michael Zgud. They're an excellent group and I...the committee recommends that you approve their appointment.

SENATOR COORDSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't...for the record, I don't want my vote against the confirmation to be misunderstood, and so I want to explain why I'm going to vote against the confirmation. First of all, this is a very important council. We have a lot of important appointments that are made by the government that are...Governor that are affirmed by the Legislature. I think, relative to the next ten years of public policy in the state, this very well might be one of those...in fact, it is in my estimation...one of those councils that's going to have a great deal of impact on public policy for the state. My vote is not against the judgement of the Governor in his selection of these people, and it's not against the Health Committee in their affirming or bringing to us. I believe in the process and expect that the Health Committee certainly has gone through the qualifications of each of the people brought before us. However, in this particular situation, I don't feel that I have had enough information as a senator to vote on the affirmation. As just a constructive suggestion, it would have certainly helped me to have known more about the individuals that have been brought before us. Now, I understand, and it certainly could be pointed out that, Senator Maurstad, this was in the Journal on March 18th, you certainly could have used the various search engines on the Internet, or in fact, you probably could have picked up the phone and asked Senator Wesely if he had information relative to this, but the fact is, that didn't occur. I don't know that a couple of days notice is enough for that to happen given our other responsibilities and duties, nor if I would have had particularly the amount of time necessary to go through the resumes or the biographies of 15 people. So, the main point of this colloquy is to make sure that Senator Wesely does not take